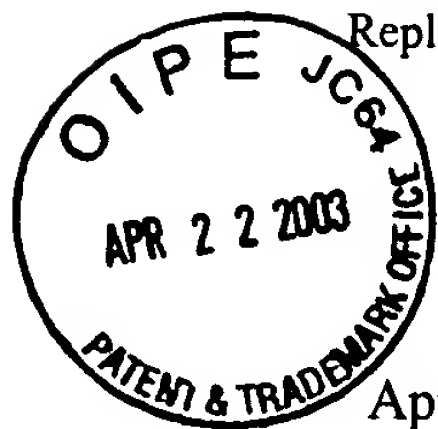


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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time, and enclose the fee of:

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A check in the amount of \$55.00 for the one-month extension of time fee is enclosed.
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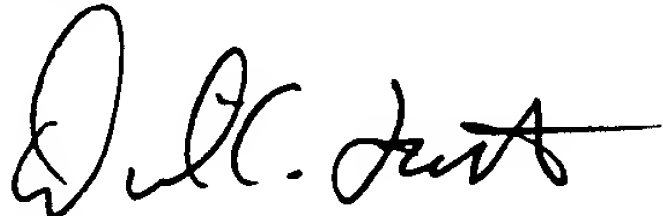
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